

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special City Council meeting of May 2, 2006, was called to order by Mayor Hitchcock at 8:32 a.m.

Present: Council Members – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Hitchcock

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

B. CLOSED SESSION

B-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE Title: To consider the employment of a public employee, City Clerk (Government Code §54957)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Georgiana Reichelt stated that the City Clerk works for both the City and the taxpayers. She commended City Clerk Blackston for her high standards and expressed her opinion that Ms. Blackston works for “the people.” Ms. Reichelt preferred that all city clerks be an elected position because appointments create a conflict of interest. She hoped to persuade the legislature to remove appointed city clerks from the control of councils and that, if any intimidation or harassment were to occur against city clerks in carrying out the duties of the office, it would be considered a misdemeanor or felony offense.

At 8:38 a.m., Mayor Hitchcock adjourned the Special City Council meeting to a Closed Session to discuss the above matter:

The Closed Session adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION / DISCLOSURE OF ACTION

At 8:50 a.m., Mayor Hitchcock reconvened the Special City Council meeting, and City Attorney Schwabauer disclosed that City Clerk Blackston will resign from her position effective June 1, 2006, as she has accepted the position of Deputy Director of *Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin*.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk